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In re the Application of
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For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, A
HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY, AND A HARD DISK DRIVE

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- ☒ 2. Relevance of References 1-4 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 5.
- ☒ 6. Reference 5 corresponds to US 2003/0189788, cited in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on July 29, 2004 as Reference 1.

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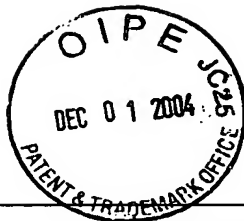
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